

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

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1. Department or Agency

Department of State

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

3b. GSA Committee No.

34361

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/15/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/15/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

PAEA (P.L. 109-435, Section 405). See below.

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (P.L. 109-435, Section 405)

13. Effective Date

12/20/2006

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Consideration of Universal Postal Union (UPU) Postal Operations Council and Council of Administration fall session outcomes and issues related to the Integrated Product Plan to modernize and integrate the UPU's international mail product categories and associated remuneration systems.	11/01/2017	11/01/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$18,241.00	\$18,241.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$2,100.00	\$3,800.00
18d. Total	\$20,341.00	\$22,041.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.10

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Committee members provide viewpoints and share information relevant to the Department of State's formulation, coordination and oversight of foreign policy related to international postal and delivery services. The Committee may also make specific or general policy recommendations.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Approximately twenty-five percent full-time regular government employees, seventy-five percent representatives of particular interest groups comprising international mailers and providers of international delivery services.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

On average, meetings are held twice a year. The specific agenda items change meeting to meeting but are typically related to policy issues being considered in the Universal Postal Union. The Department of State considers the meetings to be relevant to its work, since they provide a venue to discuss the views and concerns of mailers, delivery service providers, and other stakeholders.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Required by specific statutory language found in Section 405 of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PL 109-435)

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

This Advisory Committee produces no formal reports but serves as a vehicle to engage key stakeholders on relevant and timely international postal policy issues before the Department.

Designated Federal Officer

Joseph P. Murphy Foreign Affairs Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Callan, John	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Managing Director	Representative Member
Clark, James	03/07/2017	11/15/2017	Military Postal Service Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Elias, Alan	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Senior Manager for Global Public Policy	Representative Member
Emerson, Lea	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	U.S. Postal Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Felix, Shea	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Senior Global Product Marketing Manager	Representative Member
Fisher, Ann	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Postal Regulatory Commission	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Garza, Manuel	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	U.S. Customs and Border Protection	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Graeve, Peter	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Military Postal Service Agency	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Grove, Shoshana	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Chief Executive Officer	Representative Member
Harsh, Bruce	04/28/2016	11/15/2017	Department of Commerce	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hedren, Patrick	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Vice President, Labor, Legal & Regulatory Policy	Representative Member
Kellison, Keith	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Vice President	Representative Member
Law, Merry	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	President	Representative Member
Mullen, Michael	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Executive Director	Representative Member
Murphy, Joseph	08/25/2014		Department of State	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Muth, Kate	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Executive Director	Representative Member
Nissen, Todd	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	USTR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Palmer, Brian	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Senior Manager, Postal Programs	Representative Member
Plunkett, Michael	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	President	Representative Member
Prescott, Charles	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Executive Director	Representative Member
Presti, Sue	03/24/2016	11/15/2017	Senior Director of Government Affairs	Representative Member
Reisner, Robert	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Director and Senior Strategic Advisor, Public sector Practice	Representative Member
Simchak, Stephen	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Director, International Affairs	Representative Member
Soifer, Don	03/24/2016	11/15/2017	Executive Vice President	Representative Member
Sparks, Nancy	03/24/2016	11/15/2017	Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs - FedEx	Representative Member
Steidler, Paul	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Senior Fellow	Representative Member
Stofko, Greg	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Senior Counsel, Trade and Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Walsh, Tim	04/26/2018	04/25/2020	Vice President Corporate and Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 28

Narrative Description

The Advisory Committee enhances the Department of State's leadership role in seeking to create a more secure and prosperous world by supporting policy formulation to facilitate international communication and commerce through secure, competitive and affordable postal and private sector delivery services.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

38

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee has produced 38 informal recommendations to date regarding U.S. policy towards international postal and delivery services that have been considered for adoption by the Department of State and other U.S. Government stakeholders. These include advice on issues taken up by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in the context of the 2008, 2012, and 2016 UPU Congresses. These concerned advice on the formulation of the U.S.

Strategic Plan for the Universal Postal Union; six proposals submitted by the U.S. delegation to the 2008 and 2012 Congress and a proposal submitted by the U.S. delegation to the 2016 UPU Congress in Istanbul on establishing a principle of nondiscrimination in the customs treatment of mail.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

39%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Some recommendations of the Committee were pursued at the UPU but not adopted by its bodies. Most recommendations, not requiring UPU action have been adopted.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

3%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations of the Committee, adopted at its September, 2015, meeting on principles to guide U.S. engagement in the 2016 Universal Postal Congress were applied in so far as they were practicable and relevant to the proceedings. The U.S. proposal on the customs treatment of mail was rejected by the Istanbul Congress.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Department of State and other agencies provide feedback to Advisory Committee members in subsequent Committee meetings, as well as through written and email communications and through teleconferences. The other agencies also submit agenda suggestions and provide briefings to the members during meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



Issued new regulation



Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Although the Committee made no recommendations in FY 2018, the State Department has, in the past, adjusted the positions of the U.S. delegation to UPU meetings in light of the advice developed by the Advisory Committee.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

<http://www.state.gov/p/io/ipp/c25478.htm>